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1. Pilots: One and one harbor master.
(responsible also for the ports of Mikindani and Mtwara).

2. Tugs: Four. One with twin screw 120 hp
One with single screw 30 hp
One with twin screw 88 hp
One with single screw 150 hp

3. Berths: Nil

4. Anchorage: For four ocean vessels and two coasters.
Holding Ground: Good.

5. Depth of Water: Bar - Chart datum 17' -".

6. Depth at the Bar on an Average:

HW Springs	27' -"
LW Springs	17' -"
HW Neaps	23' -"
LW Neaps	20' -"

7. Wharf: One pier at Lindi.
Three piers, one railway wharf, and one LCT Hard at Mkwaya.
Customs sheds at Lindi: Four. Total capacity 18,730 sq ft
Customs sheds at Mkwaya: Five. Total capacity 22,20[illegible] sq ft

8. Cranes: At Lindi: Two Jones 44 mobile of 3 tons
One Jones 32 mobile of 2 tons
At Mkwaya: Four Jones 44 mobile of 3 tons
One Coles mobile of 2 tons
One Butters derrick of 10 tons

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9. Lighters: Fourteen covered lighters. Total capacity 1,692 tons
Three open lighters. Total capacity 100 tons
One swim barge Total capacity 250 tons
One ROL Total capacity 15 tons

10. General Remarks re Harbor: All cargo is lightered, there being no berths alongside.

Pilots will usually only bring vessels into harbor during daylight, although vessels can usually sail at any time during the day or night, subject to the tide.

Vessels are only piloted when the flow of current is against their direction of movement.

Kindi is not connected to a railway, although Mkoya is connected with the Southern Province Railway between Mtwara and Nachingwea.

11. Labor: A total of eight gangs are usually available.

12. Working Hours: Normal: From 0700 to 1200 hrs - from 1300 to 1600 hours
Overtime: From 1200 to 1300 hrs - from 1600 to 2300 hrs

13. Normal Number of Men in Gang: 23 men, 1 serang, and 3 winchmen, plus one European foreman per vessel.

14. Amount of Cargo Handled per Hour per Gang:

Piece	-	15 tons
Bagged Cargo	-	300 bags
Timber	-	5 tons
General	-	10 tons

15. Customs: From 0730 to 1200 hrs and from 1400 to 1600 hrs.
Saturdays: from 0730 to 1200 hrs only
Sundays: Closed.
Overtime outside these hours can usually be arranged.

16. Immigration: From 0800 to 1200 hrs and from 1400 to 1600 hrs
Saturdays: From 0800 to 1200 hrs only
Sundays: Closed.

17. Health Authority: Vessels arriving are boarded by the medical officer of health who is advised of time of arrival by the agents.

18. Hospital Facilities: There is one hospital, catering for all races, under government control.

19. Bunkers: None obtainable.

20. Fresh Water: None obtainable.

21. Vegetables: Supply is very limited. Cannot be relied upon.

22. Other Supplies: Very little available.

23. Checking of Cargo: Inward cargo is tallied by the Landing & Shipping Company of East Africa, Ltd., on behalf of the East African Railways and Harbors Administration. Cargo is not tallied by our own tally clerks.

24. Stevedores: The African Shortage Co Ltd
P O Box 2,

Manager: Capt T G P Wigg

25. Ship Chandlers: None

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26. Communications: Rail: From Mkwaya to Mtwara and Nachingwea.
Steamer: to BEA port and Europe
Occasionally to other destinations.
Air: to Durban (on Mondays only)
to Nairobi direct (on Wednesdays only)
to Dar es Salaam (on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.)

27. Telegraphic Communications: Usually good.

Approximate rate per word:	Ordinary Rate
To US	each word shs 1.60
To South Africa	each word 65 cents
To UK	each word shs 1.35
Within BEA	first ten words shs 1.50
	each additional word 15 cents.

28. Telephone Communications: It is only possible to telephone from Lindi to places within BEA. Communication sometimes rather bad.

29. American Consulate: There is no American Consulate in Lindi.

30. Manifests for Ships: When a vessel calls direct at Lindi, we require six copies of the inward manifest, for Lindi, and seven copies if the goods are for Mkwaya.

31. Radio: Used only for aircraft control, unless the post office land line is out of order, when it is possible to pass urgent telegrams regarding ships movements by radio.

32. Radio Telephones: Vessels are not permitted to use radio telephones within the port area.

33. Rainy Season: From mid December to the end of April.

34. Seasonal Cargo: Cassava, cashew nuts, sunflower seed, simsim, groundnuts (?), between September and January.

35. Imports: Petrols and oils, building material, machinery and general.

36. Main exports: Sisal, cassava, cashew nuts and timber.

37. New Developments: Development at the moment is being concentrated at Mtwara, and no new developments of an important nature are expected in Lindi.

38. Climatic Conditions: The weather is hot and sticky between the months of November and March. During the remaining months of the year the weather is very pleasant but reasonably hot at mid-day

39. Fever: Normal precautions should be taken against malaria, particularly during the rainy season.

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